

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, HOUSTON DIVISION**

RUSSELL, et al.)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Case No. 4:19-cv-00226
)	(Class Action)
)	The Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, et al.)	U.S. District Judge
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Defendants.)	
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**PLAINTIFFS' REQUESTS TO DEFENDANTS HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL
DISTRICT COURT JUDGES FOR PRODUCTION**

Pursuant to Rules 26 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Southern District of Texas, requests that Defendant Harris County Criminal District Court Judges ("Felony Judges"), produce the following documents.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Unless the particular request indicates otherwise, the relevant time period to which each request refers is from January 1, 2018 to the present.
2. Each category of documents or things in these requests extends to any documents or things in your possession, custody, or control. A document or thing shall be deemed to be in your possession, custody, or control if it is in your physical custody, or if it is in the physical custody of any other person and you (a) own such document or thing in whole or in part; (b) have a right by contract, statute, or otherwise to use, inspect, examine, or copy such document or thing in whole or in part; (c) have an understanding, express or implied, that you may use, inspect, examine, or copy such document or thing in whole or in part; or (d) as a practical matter, have been able to use, inspect, examine, or copy such document or thing in whole or in part.

3. If any portion of any document is responsive to any document request, produce the entire document. If the document contains both privileged and unprivileged material, produce the document with the privileged material redacted, together with a statement concerning the privilege asserted as required by paragraph 2 of these Instructions.

4. With respect to any document that is not produced, whether in whole or in part, on the grounds of any privilege or otherwise, state the following: (a) The date of the document; (b) The author of the document; (c) The recipient(s) of the document, if any (To/CC/BCC fields); (d) The subject matter of the document; (e) The nature of the document (letter, memorandum, notes, etc.); (f) The privilege(s) claimed; (g) A description of the privilege(s) so as to explain the basis for withholding the document or thing in sufficient detail so as to enable the claim of privilege to be adjudicated, if necessary; (h) Whether the document or thing has been redacted; and (i) The number of pages.

5. These document requests seek production of all documents described, including all drafts, of whatever date, and all non-identical copies or originals. In the event that multiple copies of a document exist, produce every copy on which appear any notations or markings of any sort that do not appear on any other copy.

6. If any document or thing or any part of any document or that you are requested to produce or identify herein was at one time in existence, but has been lost, discarded, or destroyed, identify in writing each document or thing and provide the following information: (a) the date or approximate date it was lost, discarded, or destroyed; (b) the circumstances and manner in which it was lost, discarded, or destroyed; (c) the reason(s) for disposing of the document (if discarded or destroyed); (d) the identity of all persons authorizing the document and/or having knowledge of the document; (e) the identity of the person(s) who lost, discarded,

or destroyed the document; (f) the identity of any persons having knowledge of the contents thereof; and (g) a detailed summary of the nature and contents of the document, including the author(s) of the document(s), the name of the person(s) to whom the document(s) was (were) delivered or addressed, including indicated or blind copy recipients, the date of the document(s), and a description of the subject matter thereof, including any attachment or appendices, and the number of pages.

7. Whenever appropriate, the singular form of a word should be interpreted in the plural, and the plural form of a word should be interpreted in the singular.

8. If you have no documents responsive to a request, please state this in your response to the specific request.

9. If you object to any of the requests for documents and thing set forth below, you must fully set forth your objections in writing. If objection is made to part of any request for any document and thing, the part should be specified. If you object to any request or part of any request, you must produce all documents to which your objection does not apply.

10. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e)(1), this Request for Production shall be deemed continuing so as to require further and supplemental production if you obtain or discover additional documents between the time of initial production and the time of hearing OR trial.

11. Each Request for Production shall be construed independently and no Request for Production shall limit the scope of any other Request for Production.

DEFINITIONS

1. “All” means “any and all,” and the word “any” shall be understood to include and encompass “all.”

2. “And” and “or” shall be construed conjunctively or disjunctively, whichever makes the request more inclusive.

3. Any pronoun shall be construed to refer to the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender and singular or plural, as in each case is most appropriate.

4. “Bail” means any condition of pretrial release (including a personal bond)

5. “Bail hearing” means any proceeding at which conditions of release are determined.

6. “Concerning” means constituting, pertaining to, making reference to, comprising, evidencing, alluding to, responding to, connected with, commenting on, with respect to, about, regarding, resulting from, embodying, explaining, supporting, contradicting, discussing, showing, describing, reflecting, analyzing, setting forth, in respect of, having a relationship to, or in any way being factually, legally or logically connected to, in whole or in part, the stated subject matter.

7. “Communication” when used herein means any form of information exchange, or attempted exchange, by any media in any manner, whether oral or written, including without limitation: correspondence, electronic mail (“email”), social media messages or posts, online discussion board posts and messages, face-to-face conversation, meeting or conference, telexes, facsimile transmissions, recordings in any medium of oral communication, telephone and message logs, and notes or memoranda relating to any written, electronic or oral communication, tweets, blogs or text messages. The word “communication” includes internal communications.

8. “Document” shall have the full meaning ascribed under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and shall mean, without limitation, any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind within your possession, custody, or control, whether in paper or electronic form. The

term includes, but is not limited to, all agreements; contracts; letters; telegrams; communications; facsimile transmissions; memoranda; reports; records; studies; instructions; specifications; handwritten or typewritten notes; notebooks; scrapbooks; diaries; calendars; plans; drawings; sketches; diagrams; minutes of meetings, conferences, and telephone or other conversations; photocopies; charts; graphs; descriptions; drafts; ledgers; financial statements or reports; invoices; bills; microfilm, microfiche, tape, disk, or diskette recordings; computer records and computer printouts; and emails, electronic intraoffice or interoffice messages, chats, or text messages.

9. “Hearing Officers” means the Harris County Criminal Law Hearing Officers.

10. “Include” or “including” denotes a portion of a larger whole and is used without limitation.

11. “Relating to” shall mean in whole or in part, constituting, containing, referring to, discussing, dealing with, describing, reflecting, or pertaining to in any way whatsoever.

12. “You,” “your,” and “yours” means the Defendant Harris Country Criminal Law Judge, and any or all of his or her officers, employees, representatives, or agents.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

Request No. 1:

All communications to or from any of the Defendant Felony Judges relating to any proposed or enacted general order regulating bail between January 1, 2019 and the present.

Request No. 2:

All communications to or from any of the Defendant Felony Judges, or anyone acting on behalf of the Defendant Felony Judges, and any of the Hearing Officers relating to bail between January 1, 2019 and the present.

Request No. 3:

Any bail schedules or other instructions, guidelines, or advisories from any of the Defendant Felony Judges, or anyone acting on behalf of any of the Defendant Judges, to any of the Hearing Officers and/or to Harris County Pretrial Services or any employee of Harris County Pretrial Services relating to bail that have been in effect between January 1, 2017 and the present.

Request No. 4:

All documents reflecting, constituting, or referring in any way to a comment or statement, made outside of a judicial hearing, relating to bail in Harris County.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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